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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF)
Peter Carmeliet et al.)
SERIAL NO.: 10/009,436)
FILED: December 6, 2001)
FOR: Non-Human Transgenic Animals Deficient)
In GAS6 Function and Their Use)

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Honorable Director of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

A Notice of Abandonment of January 9, 2003 has been received regarding this application. Because the abandonment occurred due to lack of receipt of a paper allegedly mailed by the Patent and Trademark Office, it is requested that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn and this application proceed to examination in the normal course. While no fee is believed due under the circumstances, any charges that are deemed necessary by the Patent and Trademark Office may be deducted from Deposit Account Number 12-0913 after telephone confirmation by the undersigned.

The Patent and Trademark Office indicates that it mailed on February 5, 2002, a Notice of Missing Requirements, requiring the declaration for this application, however, that Notice of Missing Requirements was never received. The undersigned can state unequivocally that the document was not received, and has searched both the file for this application as well as other papers to make sure that such is the case.

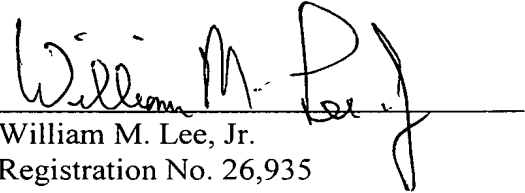
The firm of the undersigned maintains no receipt log for papers received from the Patent and Trademark Office. However, the firm does have a docket which identifies those items due on a particular date. The date that the response to the Notice of Missing Requirements would have been due was April 5, 2002. Appended hereto is a docket printout of the firm of the undersigned having deadlines for that date, and it can be seen that there is no entry for the present application, because no entry was made due to the fact that the Notice of Missing Requirements was never received. Either the Notice of Missing Requirements was not mailed by the Patent and Trademark Office or it was misdirected by the United States Postal Service, but in any event, it never arrived at the office of the undersigned, although the address set forth in the Notice of Missing Requirements is entirely correct.

Also submitted herewith is a declaration for the application, executed by all of the inventors. Finally, submitted herewith is the required fee of \$130 for late submission of the declaration.

It is therefore requested that the Notice of Abandonment be retracted, and that the application proceed to examination in the normal course. Any inquiries should be directed to the undersigned.

February 11, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William M. Lee, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

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